

Direct Proof of a cond<sup>n</sup> statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is constructed by assuming  $p$  is true, & then showing  $q$  is true, by using thms, rules of inference

Indirect Proof: - are proofs that do not start with the hypothesis and end with the conclusion.

① Proof by contraposition: -

This proof technique make use of the fact that the conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .

This means that cond<sup>n</sup> statement  $p \rightarrow q$  can be proved by showing  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

U. ② P.T. if  $n$  is integer &  $3n+2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd.

Soln: - Direct Technique

Let  $(3n+2)$  be odd

$$\text{i.e. } 3n+2 = 2k+1 \text{ for integer } k$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n+1 = 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow n \text{ is odd. (If } n \text{ is even}$$

$$\Rightarrow n=2k \Rightarrow$$

$$3n+1 = 6k+1 \rightarrow \text{odd})$$

By Contraposition method

Assume  $n$  is not odd.

$$\text{i.e. } n \text{ is even} \Rightarrow n=2k$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (3n+2) = 3(2k) + 2 = 6k+2 \\
 &= 2(3k+1) \\
 &\quad \text{"even"}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\neg q = n$  is not odd

$$= (3n+2) = \text{even} \Rightarrow \neg(3n+2) = \neg p$$

$$\therefore \neg q \rightarrow \neg p \Rightarrow \underline{p \rightarrow q.}$$

Proof by Contradiction

Suppose we want to prove that a statement  $p$  is true [I.S.  $p$  is true]

Assume  $p$  is false i.e.  $\neg p$  is true

$\neg p \rightarrow q$ ,  $q$  is a contradiction.

&  $\neg p \rightarrow q^F$  is true  
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{if}$

$\neg p$  is false  $\Rightarrow p$  is true.

Q. (X) Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational by giving a proof by contradiction.

Given -  $p: \sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Suppose that  $\neg p$  is true.

i.e.  $\sqrt{2}$  is ~~rational~~ not irrational  
 or  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational.

If  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational nb. then,

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} \quad (b \neq 0, a \text{ \& } b \text{ have no common factors})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2})^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \Rightarrow 2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$



$$2b^2 = a^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\Rightarrow a^2$  is an even no

$a^2$  is even  $\Rightarrow a$  is even.

Let  $a = 2c$  s.t. integer  $c$ .

from (1)  $2b^2 = 4c^2 \Rightarrow b^2 = 2c^2$  even  
 $\Rightarrow b^2$  is even  $\Rightarrow b$  is even

So, both  $a$  &  $b$  are even, then  $a$  &  $b$  have common factor.

So,  $\neg p$  leads to the eqn  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ , where ( $a$  &  $b$  have no common factors)

But both  $a$  &  $b$  are even, that is. 2 divides both  $a$  &  $b$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore, our assumption must be false

Hence, " $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational" is true

(Contradiction)

②. P.t. if  $n$  is an integer &  $n^2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd.

Proof:- We'll prove it by contr.

(ie  $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$ )

Suppose that  $n$  is not odd

ie  $n$  is even

$\Rightarrow n = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ .

$\Rightarrow n^2 = 4k^2 = 2(2k^2)$

$\Rightarrow n^2$  is even.

ie  $n^2$  is not odd.

$\therefore$  By contr.  $n$  is odd.



Direct proof

① Give a direct proof of the theorem,  
"If  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $n^2$  is odd."  
(p → q)

Pr: - Assume that  $n$  is odd  
⇒  $n = 2k+1$ , for integer  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n^2 &= (2k+1)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1\end{aligned}$$

By def<sup>n</sup> of an odd integer,  
 $n^2$  is odd integer.